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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05/10/2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03/23/2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 05/10/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In re page 6 of the applicants' argument, applicants argue that the combination of the Choi reference and the lee reference is overly broad. In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. The present invention discloses a disk start disabling mode in which said disk section is not powered on. The Lee reference discloses a mode where the disk section is also not powered on called the power down mode (see [018]).

The present invention discloses an enabling mode in which said disk section is powered on. Choi discloses a mode of operation where power is applied to the disk section called the normal mode (see column 7, lines 9 – 19). The examiner believes that the combination of Choi and Lee will arrive at the claimed invention of a disk start enabling mode and a disk start disabling mode.

In re page 6 of the applicants' argument, applicants argue that none of the cited references discloses a flag indicating one of a disk start disabling mode or a disk start enabling mode. In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Both cited references disclose setting different modes of operation and anyone of ordinary skill in the art will know that the modes have to be stored in storage of some sort.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 – 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Choi (US 6, 985,191 B2) in view of Lee (US 2003/0163746).

As to **claim 1**, Choi discloses a disk apparatus comprising:

a disk section (50) of recording and/or reproducing at least one of video, audio or data (see column 5, lines 41 – 48)

a processing section (10) of processing at least one of said video, audio or data (see column 5, lines 49 – 54)

a disk start controller (55) which controls said disk section and said processing section (see column 5, lines 55 – 64)

a disk start mode setting section (80) of setting either one of a disk start disabling mode (power saving mode) of disabling the start of said disk section or a disk start enabling mode (normal mode) of enabling the start of said disk section (see column 6, lines 4 – 11 and lines 48 – 58), and

a storage section (53) of storing either one of the disk start disabling mode or the disk start enabling mode which is set by said disk start mode setting section (see column 2, lines 52 – 58 and column 5, lines 55 – 64), wherein

at a time when power ON operation is carried out, in the case (1) when said

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storage section stores said disk start disabling mode, said disk start controller carries out control so as to apply power to said processing section without applying power to said disk section, and in the case (2) when said storage section stores said disk start enabling mode, said disk start controller carries out control so as to apply power to said disk section and said processing section.

The Choi reference discloses 2 modes. The first is the normal mode whereas the second is the power saving mode. The examiner believes that the normal mode is equivalent to the enabling mode of the present invention since in the normal mode, power is applied to both the disk section and the processing section (see column 7, lines 9 - 19). The examiner interprets the power saving mode of Choi to be the disabling mode (see column 7, lines 14 – 25 and lines 48 – 52). The examiner believes that there is a slight difference between the disabling mode of Choi and that of the present invention. The examiner believes that the disabling mode of Choi shuts off power to both the disk section and the processing section unlike the present invention that only shuts power off to the disk section.

Lee on the other hand also discloses two modes, the power down mode and the idle mode. The Lee reference discloses a power down mode which is similar to the disabling mode of the present invention because in the power down mode, power to the disk section is turned off whereas there is still some power in the processing section (see [005] and [018]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have added the power down mode of Lee to the apparatus of

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Choi to provide an apparatus capable of optimizing power consumption (see [002]).

As to claim 2, Choi discloses a disk apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said disk start mode setting section is set in said disk start disabling mode in a production shipment stage (see fig. 3).

As to claim 3, Choi discloses a disk apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said disk section is a hard disk (50) carry out recording and/or reproduction on magnetic disk media (see column 5, lines 24 – 33).

As to claim 4, Choi discloses a disk apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein a safety zone of said hard disk is present on said magnetic disk media (see column 5, lines 24 – 33) .

As to claim 5, Choi discloses a disk apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said processing section is a tuner (30) to receive broadcasting (see column 5, lines 41 – 48) .

As to claim 6, Choi discloses disk apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein:

the disk apparatus serves as a recorder equipped with a hard disk (50) (see column 5, lines 16 – 32); and

said processing section is a tuner (30) receiving broadcasting (see column 5, lines 16 – 32).

As to claim 7, Choi discloses a disk apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein:

the disk apparatus serves as a DVD recorder equipped with a hard disk(see

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column 5, lines 16 – 32). and,

said processing section is (1) a tuner receiving broadcasting and (2) an optical disk section recording and/or reproducing said broadcasting received on an optical disk (see column 5, lines 16 – 32 and column 8, lines 51 - 58).

As to claims 8 – 11, grounds for rejecting claim 1 apply to claims 8 - 11 in its entirety.

As to claim 12, Choi in view of Lee discloses a disk apparatus in accordance with claim 1. Choi discloses wherein the flag corresponds to mode information and wherein the mode information indicating said disk start disabling mode is set in the disk start mode setting section responsive to installation of the disk apparatus and is reset to the mode information indicating said disk start enabling mode after the installation of the disk apparatus (see column 6, lines 4 – 18 and lines 48 - 58. Choi discloses choosing between two different modes of operation and anyone of ordinary skill in the art will know that the modes have to be stored in storage of some sort).

As to claim 13, grounds for rejecting claim 12 apply to claim 13 in its entirety.

Conclusion

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OLUWASEUN A. ADEGEYE whose telephone number is (571)270-1711. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 - 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on 571-272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Marsha D. Banks-Harold/

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